

REMARKS

The Examiner issued an election/restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §112 on November 21, 2008. In the office communication, the Examiner grouped the claims into the following two groups, and required Applicants elect one of the groups:

- I. Claims 1 – 16 drawn to a process of fabricating nanopores and micropores classified in class 216, subclass 33.
- II. Claims 17 – 21 drawn to a process of characterizing a biomolecule classified in class 435, subclass 4.

With this response, Applicants elect group I, claims 1 – 16.

With this response, Applicants correct a typographical error identified by the Examiner. Duplicate claim 12 has been corrected to be missing claim 13. Applicants also correct typographical errors in claim 12 by introducing new claims 22 – 23. New claims 22 – 23 are dependent off of claim 12 and therefore subject to group I classification. No new matter is added with these amendments.

The fee for a two-month extension and two additional claims accompanies this response. If any additional fees are due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0219, under Order No. 0012136.00131US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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